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THE STORY OF THE YEAR.

"We should so live and labor in our time that what came to us as seed may go to the next generation as blossom, and that what came to us as blossom, may go to them as fruit."

IT is a pleasing study to notice how all over the land, in cities and in rural places, societies for the promotion and extension of Christ's Kingdom exist. They cover the earth like a silver veil—as a carpet of bloom unrolled without hands in the wilderness and solitary places. They bring into the service of the missionary cause the first and best. This Christian force came as silently and timidly as the sun at the closing of the long winter night; but looking steadily toward success and practical accomplishment, the lamp of the unwearied worker in these organizations shows as cheerily as stars in the night. The work of the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian church, which is the aggregate of these smaller societies, is *no sentiment*. It is a commission of high honor to be entrusted with the application of means for the reforming of hoary customs, prejudices and barbarities in oriental countries, and the conditions in our own land appeal strongly to patriotism, philanthropy and piety, and incite to great effort to

"begin at Jerusalem" and to crown our Mount Moriah with temples and schools, from the summits of which will flash the power of divine truth until, unified by the Gospel of Christ and dominated by the Golden Rule, Jesus will be the light and God the glory of the whole earth.

Some of our readers may have an imperfect comprehension of the extent of the operations of the General Missionary Society and the multiplicity of the needs it seeks to supply, and do not fairly estimate the magnitude of the field, the moral destitution of which can not be recited in the strongest terms of human speech. Money and loving services have been given the past year for Christ's sake and in His name, and a brief glance at the different departments will show something of the result and make up the "Story of the Year".

Foreign Department.

*Extracts from Reports of Mrs. Mary B. Reid,
Cor. Sec.*

In giving a review of the past year's work in the Foreign Department, we are pleased to report a year of progress and blessing. Though there may have been some hindrances both in the home and foreign fields, yet for the most part,

nearly every plan and expectation has been carried out and crowned with success. We should be especially thankful to God for his wonderful goodness, for His protecting care and the preserved health and lives of so many of the missionaries, who for months were in the midst of the pestilence, death claiming only one victim from among them all, a sweet woman, whose absent husband knew nothing of the coming of the pale messenger until her body had been laid away in the white sand of Ramleh, Egypt.

NEW MISSIONARIES.

It will doubtless be remembered that, in our last report, mention was made of sending out four new missionary women in the autumn of 1896. We think you will be pleased to know that more was done than had been planned for, as five new missionaries were sent out and Miss Emma D. Anderson returned to her former field. The names of the new missionaries are Miss Josephine Martin, Miss Kate A. Hill, Miss Cora B. Dickey, Dr. Anna B. Watson and Dr. Caroline C. Lawrence. The first two were assigned to India, the others to Egypt.

The new missionaries are all making good progress in the study of the language, and doing whatever work may come to their hands. The two doctors, located at Tanta, hold weekly clinics in that city and Bhera, a few miles distant. Both of these places are strongholds of Mohammedanism, but these two physicians are already beginning to come in touch with those dwelling in seclusion.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total contributions for year ending April 16, 1897, \$23,942.62. This amount includes all general and special contributions of missionary societies, individuals, thank-offering and money paid by a few societies direct to the treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Total disbursements \$27,898.90. Of this amount, \$14,250 has been paid on the salaries of thirty-one missionary women. The remainder has been used in the support of pupils in schools, zenana work, medical work, outfits and traveling expenses of missionaries, endowment of hospital beds, and possibly a few other special objects.

WORK FOR THE PRESENT YEAR.

More missionaries, and more teachers are needed, and there are more than half a score of willing volunteers who stand ready to give their services if the door was open for them, but with all there is now on hand to be annually provided for, your Board dare not undertake to increase present expenses very largely, or until there is a better outlook for the future. So it has been decided to send out only three new missionary women this year, with the possible return of one or two who have been in the homeland for some time.

In this connection we wish to state that, not long since, an offer was made to the Board of Foreign Missions to relieve it of the three remaining salaries of missionary women, which have never been assumed by the Women's Board. This included in plans for the present year will increase present expenses to the extent of some \$4,000 over last year.

This report would be incomplete without mention of the death of Miss Martha J. McKown, who entered into rest January 30 of the present year. As is well known, Miss McKown, on account of blindness, thought it best to retire from the mission work of Egypt, and she returned to this country in the early summer of 1894. After a year spent among friends, she became an inmate of the Home for the Aged, located at Wilkinsburg, a suburb of Pittsburgh, where she remained until she was called up higher to receive the reward of "the faithful

steward'. Though far distant from the scene of her years of labor, yet the active mind and the loving heart of this sainted sister never ceased to plan for the uplifting and christianizing of the women of Egypt, and the combined results of all her labors are a most fitting monument to her memory.

Home Missions.

Extracts from the Report of Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Cor. Sec.

At the risk of telling you an old story, allow me to repeat some of our regulations regarding the sending of a woman home missionary to a field of labor. The application must always be endorsed by the presbytery within whose bounds the work is located; afterward be recommended by Board of Home Missions; then it is in good shape for consideration by your board. We have agreed, after consultation with the Board of Home Missions, that workers are only to be sent into fields having no pastors, or fields where there seem to be a good outlook for a new mission church, or fields where there are *peculiar conditions existing* which, in the judgement of both boards, would allow an exception to both the above rules.

INDIAN WORK.

Rev. J. A. Speer was placed in charge of our Indian work, and located at the Warm Springs Agency. We are thankful that his work has been blessed, as his annual report shows:

To the Board of Directors of the Women's General Missionary Society.

DEAR SISTERS:

The year now closing has been one of unceasing labors. With the exception of one week in which we were attending presbytery and the Women's presbyterial, we have been constantly at our post the entire year. What measure of success has attended the work,

and what has actually been accomplished, cannot now be fully known, as only surface indications are visible to us, some of which I shall now endeavor to enumerate.

In May, 1896, my transfer from Simnasho to Warm Springs was ordered by your board, with directions to proceed to the latter field as soon as practicable.

Early in May Rev. Joseph Alter, whose resignation of the Warm Springs field had previously been accepted, removed with his family from the reservation, leaving that field a vacancy.

Miss Black severed her connection with the work on our withdrawal from Simnasho, where she has given nearly four and a half year's faithful service to the Indian mission, from which we may yet look for an ingathering.

Judging from the frequent mention of former missionaries by the Indians, we know their sojourn among these people has not been in vain, and the results of their labors will doubtless be gathered many days hence. And we have reason to believe that the Spirit of the Lord has been with us, and that our labor has not been wholly in vain.

Perhaps I should mention the fact that the agent as a rule prefers members of our congregation for police officers and judges of the Indian court, but I am sorry to say some of our members have by this means been apparently alienated from the church. Like their white brothers, few can resist the temptations of the salary and supposed honor connected with official position, and in order to retain the office, loyalty to the agent rather than to the church is thought to be necessary, and not without reason.

Once in two weeks a meeting is held in the church under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. organization. After devotional exercises some feature of temper-

ance is taken up, in which almost all present will take an active part. These meetings are primarily intended for the women, but a number of men are always present and take a very active part in the exercises. The attendance ranges from fifteen to thirty, ordinarily.

The cause of temperance is a most important matter to the Indian, and must be recognized as a powerful factor in their elevation and advancement. Those on other reservations who have been granted the rights of citizenship are discovering that if they cannot control the saloon it will very soon destroy them, and petitions have actually been sent to Washington asking the authorities there to take away their citizenship, or else, by the authority of the United States, close the saloons.

It is the best of Indians who are most sorely tempted, for they have the money which the saloonist covets, and it is the open boast of the secular papers here in Oregon that the saloon will very soon kill off these people and leave the land for white settlers.

The weekly prayer-meeting is an especially encouraging part of our work. No matter how discouraged we may become at times in respect to other lines of work, we always come away from these meetings feeling cheered and strengthened. We aim to go from house to house, not restricting ourselves to those connected with the church. Thus far no one has declined to open his house to us, and some of our best meetings have been held in the houses of those who do not or did not previously attend church. The attendance has been uniformly good, often reaching twenty-five or more.

As directed by your board, I have had a small building erected for church work among the Piute Indians. It is 16 by 24 feet, neat and comfortable, with a

seating capacity of about seventy-five, at a total cost of \$338.65. This will fully meet the present necessities of that field with the exception of a suitable bell, which I hope we may be able to secure in the near future. The poor Piutes are quite highly pleased to have a church to call their own, and I am confident that good will result from the investment.

I may state, however, that during the erection of the government school buildings the Piutes were allowed to come and camp out quite near the agency. This is contrary to the ordinary rules, but was permitted by the agent owing to their needy condition and there being no school by which to aid them. They got some work from the contractors, and considerable food which fell from the carpenters' table. Of course, while so near us we were among them just as the other Indians, and many of them attended church services on the Sabbath.

During the year we have not received the usual donations of clothing, &c., from missionary societies, and have not been able to relieve the needy in this way as we would like to have done or as we had opportunity.

While you read these reports of our Indian work, please do not forget that our General Assembly has committed to your charge *all the work of our church* for these people. Will you not therefore pray much for them and our devoted missionaries, also remembering to send them boxes &c., plainly marked in the inside, so that the donors may be known.

The Warm Springs Indians.

Our work among this people commenced the eleventh of last August. The time has been long enough to reveal some of the difficulties, trials and discouragements of mission work among this strange, benighted, poverty-stricken, yet interesting people. We have also

seen some things of deep interest and good promise. The great need of this people has taken hold on our hearts, and we appreciate more than ever the adaptation and power of the gospel. About 500 of the Indians on this reservation are Warm Springs Indians, and their homes are in the neighborhood of this mission. Some of them dress in citizen clothes, live in small frame or log houses, have wagons, plows, cooking stoves and sewing machines. Some have small herds of cattle, and farm on a small scale. But the majority live in tepees, are robed in blankets, wear long hair and speak mostly Indian and Chinook.

MISSION PREMISES

Are comfortable and inviting, located at the head of a beautiful little valley—simnash or hawthorn,—high up among the hills, on the desert and mountain from The Dalles to Prineville; 60 miles from the former. The mission stands like a lone flower in the desert, or is like an hour of sunshine amid days of storm and cloud. The parsonage is said to be the best house on the reservation, a model, showing how to build a home for comfort and surround it with objects of beauty and use.

THE WORK.

We have endeavored to carry forward the work along two lines. First, by the regular services on the Sabbath. Preaching and Sabbath-school services have been held each Sabbath, the pastor having been absent but two Sabbaths, one when assisting Bro. Speer at Warm Springs and one when he preached at the house of Kish-a-walk to about 100 Indians on the occasion of the death of Kish-a-walk's little daughter.

The average attendance at regular services has been about 90, although our work has been greatly limited by the long absence of many of the tribe. The attention and interest has been good,

and is increasing.

We have given special attention to the singing of psalms, Bible Songs, and reading the Scriptures in concert, and chart and blackboard drill. The Sabbath school is of special interest to them, the interest centering in the review of each lesson.

Our purpose is to carry forth the work by house to house visitation. Two things have seriously hindered this. First, the absence of a large number of the people during all the good weather of late summer and autumn. The houses were vacated, the tepees removed, and the Indians off to the mountains to hunt, fish and gather berries. And there being practically no agent on the reservation, the poor wanderers did not return with their families until driven in by the cold and storm of winter. Then the rain and snows, with the worst roads ever seen, precluded visits to the tepees. However, those nearest have been visited, psalms sung, the Scriptures read and prayer offered. In some of the tents this is received with the utmost indifference, the Indians sitting on the ground in solemn silence, or rolled up in their blankets. In others there is more interest, and the inmates join in the singing even, without understanding the words.

We have attended and officiated at three funerals and one wedding. We kindly but firmly declined to attend the Indian New Year's services at the camp of the chief, though waited on by the head men and specially invited for Sabbath. We did not explain to them that we did not attend the white man's dance on week days, but it was true. The reason assigned was that we were sent here for Christian work and that was not Christian but pagan, was not pleasing to them. For a little time it looked as if the friendship with these friendly men was about to be broken. But the calam-

ity was averted, and we parted with the best feeling on both sides. We are distributing bibles and testaments to those who promise to take care of and read them at home. To supplement our work with the young people at the church we opened a reading room at the parsonage, and once a week we give instructions in vocal music and drawing.

SPECIAL HINDRANCES.

First, the nomadic habits and camp life that most of the Indians still persist in keeping up. Second, mendicancy. Third, the stated festivals and dances.

THE OUTLOOK AND ENCOURAGEMENTS.

The progress already made and the steadily growing interest of the best portion of the people, with the certain promise of God, "My word shall not return unto me void," assure us that a harvest time is approaching.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MORROW, Missionary.

CITY MISSIONARIES.

Of the three workers in California two finished their term in January and February, leaving Miss Currie alone in that vast field. Space will allow of but one letter:

In these times of business depression the news from Spokane is certainly encouraging.

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, }
April 9, 1897. }

I was glad that the Women's Board granted the request of presbytery last spring, and gave me the privilege of working here for the past year. During this time I have made 1,453 calls, distributed 1,420 pieces of good literature and twenty-five bundles of clothing. Some of the clothing I secured from friends who are interested in our work, but most of it passed through the busy hands of our aid society, the members of which are always ready to lend a hand

to those in distress.

For several months our mission Sabbath-school had been held in a laundry, but last fall we removed to more comfortable quarters; our people having been enabled to build a neat chapel, and since taking possession of it our work has progressed nicely; we have preaching every Sabbath afternoon, (after school) and a Thursday evening prayer-meeting. These services are greatly appreciated by the people in that district, and do not conflict with the meetings at the church, thus making it possible for me to attend all the services.

Our home Sabbath-school continues to grow in interest and numbers, and we find it difficult to seat the children comfortably. We do not mind being crowded, but others do. A father took his children from the school because it was so crowded. Surely the Lord is blessing the work of our church in Spokane, and saying to her members, "Spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes."

The fact that we need a larger church is very apparent. Even a year ago, strangers coming in to worship with us felt that there was not room for them, but the helpful sermon, warm and welcome of pastor and people caused them to return, and they are strangers no longer, but are looking forward with hopeful hearts and busy brain to our new church, in which, we trust, many who are "strangers from the covenants of promise" may hear the Word and become fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God. When we look around us and see new houses going up on every side, and know that the demand for homes is still greater than the supply, we realize how the people are crowding into our city, and how important it is that they should be looked after. A timely call, a personal invita-

tion for them to attend our services, a pleasant word for the little ones if they are present, make them feel that we are interested in them, and this, if carefully followed up, will enable us to get a hold on them. True, it is sometimes a problem to know how to retain strangers after they enter our Sabbath-school, or are present at other services. Just here I might say, a great deal depends on the workers (and every church member ought to be a worker). We must be about our Master's business. In spiritual as in temporal things God makes us to be helpers. "Each for the other, and all for Christ," is an excellent motto.

The work for the children has been productive of much good; our Junior meetings are crowded, many of the children come from outside families, and we are reaching the parents through them.

During the winter I have taught in a Chinese school one or two evenings each week, and have enjoyed this work very much. We teach reading, writing and spelling; also read the blessed Word, explaining a portion of it each evening. This school has done a great deal for the Chinese; several are professing Christians, and others are seeking the Light.

There are always those who cannot come to hear the Gospel—the aged, the needy, and the sick. I have counted it a great privilege to do what I could for all such; have visited the hospital and prison. Oh! what comfort and cheer we carry to these suffering ones, and we are sure to receive a blessing ourselves. All around us are those who need the sweet influence of the Gospel. "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few," and we feel that we accomplish so little; but how precious the words of the Master, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

MARGARET J. STEWART.

Thank-Offering Committee.

Extracts from Report of Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter, Sec.

One year ago the Women's General Missionary Society authorized a call to be made for a special offering this tenth year. In accordance with this the Women's Board ordered 15,000 Tenth Thank-offering boxes, made in June. Large and frequent orders exhausted the supply before the close of the year, and a new supply of the regular boxes was procured.

Early in January many orders were received from Junior leaders, and in response to a request from your secretary, the Board ordered boxes specially suited to the Junior boys and girls. With each Junior box is sent a letter to the "individual giver", and judging from the enthusiastic answers received, the cry of the boxes "Give," "Give," will not be unheeded.

In some congregations where "hard times" have prevented the mothers from ordering boxes, Junior boxes have been placed in the hands of all the children (even the babies) and with the promise of good results.

Letters were also sent to the presidents of all the presbyterials asking for the appointment at an early date of Thank-offering secretaries, to present the cause in person or by letter, to all societies and congregations within their bounds. From many portions of the church faithful presidents responded promptly and heartily and as a result we can to-day report thirty secretaries doing good work.

We had earnestly hoped that in our "History of the Ten Years Thank-offering Work" we could give the name of the first secretary in every presbyterial, but some officers report that secretaries cannot be appointed until later, and others have in no way responded to our

letters. But we trust that the coming year will find all presbyterials falling in to line and keeping step under the same banner—"In everything give thanks."

Reports from the "Ingatherings" this year seem to indicate a growing tendency on the part of congregations to hold their "Thank-offering services" on the Sabbath. *Is this wise?*

In no way would we wish to discourage the holding of "Ingatherings" on the Sabbath, where it is not possible to hold them on week days or evenings, but we do wish to emphasize the great importance of having the members of our congregations, men, women and children, drawn into closer fellowship and stronger christian ties through being brought together in hours of gladness, to present their offerings of gratitude to God for all His loving care and tender mercy toward them.

No president, no governor, no denomination, ever issues a call to the people to hold their national Thanksgiving on the Lord's day. Then why should we encourage the holding of our "Feasts of Ingathering" on that day?

Cannot we, the women of the church (upon whom the labor of feast giving usually falls), issue a call for the congregations of our United Presbyterian church to, as far as possible, hold their "Feasts of Ingathering" on the last Thursday of March or the first Thursday of April of each year? The knowledge that one special day was to be faithfully observed annually by the churches in this land and in Egypt and in India, when families and individuals would meet together for the purpose of presenting their offerings of gratitude to God, to aid in the extension of His kingdom, would, we believe, under God's blessing, prove a great stimulus to the work of our church in all its departments.

Freedmen's Missions.

Extracts from Report of Dr. C. Jane Vincent, Cor. Sec.

Sixteen industrial teachers and matrons have been supported this past year, at an outlay of over seven hundred dollars a month. A sewing department is operated in each mission regularly organized, the reports from which are given below. Cooking and housekeeping are also taught at Knoxville, Henderson and Chase City. Dressmaking is taught at Knoxville and Chase City regularly, and to a limited extent at Henderson. There is a special teacher for this purpose at Knoxville, and renders a small income, aggregating \$116.91 this year. Five little girls were supported through the board in the Little Girls' Home at Knoxville. The farm of 627 acres which was purchased last year is starting out well. Some 224 acres were cultivated last year, part of which was rented for a share (one-half) of the crop and part for money rent, and after all expenses were paid we had a balance of \$300 as a nucleus for this year, which began January 1. This year 276 acres are being cultivated—193 by seven different parties for one-half share of crop, and 83½ acres to four different parties for money rent aggregating \$137.75. Our superintendent prefers renting on the shares, as he can in a measure control the character of the crops and give the renters more thorough instructions as to the how of doing the work, which of course is the central idea in providing the farm. A new house is required this spring, which is being provided. These houses are not expensive. This is another important feature of this phase of the work, providing homes with two or more apartments so the people can live properly, and each home can thus become an object lesson in itself. Taking our agricultural beginning as a whole,

the board is gratified, and feels that the first year has accomplished all that could be expected, and is encouraged to look for still better things in the future. It will be remembered that the purchase of this farm caused this department to close last year in debt, and we hoped this year to not only be free from debt, but show a fair balance. Just as we were about squared up and very strong an urgent plea came from the Freedmen's Board saying that a school building and teachers' home was imperative at the new station at Camden, Ala.; if they were not provided this year the mission would, humanly speaking, go under; stating, also, that the depleted state of their treasury rendered it impossible for them to do *anything* in the way of new buildings. Your board considered the request very carefully, and being convinced of the importance of it, resolved to put up the buildings. Accordingly negotiations were opened up for the purchase of ground, and a tract just outside the borough of Camden was chosen, containing 39 acres, and was purchased for \$10 per acre. Owing to the difficulty in getting a clear title we were not able to complete the purchase until well on in February. The plans for the buildings had been approved sometime previous: so the contract was given at once to Mr. Johnson, of Knoxville, (he being the lowest bidder) who began work early in March, and the buildings will be completed by July 1 at a cost of \$3,566.14.

PRAIRE, ALA., April 26, 1897.

Much improvement has been made since the plantation was bought; two new houses put up, the third one has been started but not completed. Many ditches have been put in, many changes in methods of cultivating the soil, especially by rotating the crops and making a thorough preparation before planting.

The labor in general is poor to start with, from the fact wages are poor. But this is a matter that must be adjusted slowly but surely. The system here must be changed to some degree, but it will be safe to advocate a change when we have educated the people to the point that they can see that a change is for the better:

We have seven mules, cost.....\$403 25
We have two wagons, cost..... 65 00

We have seven families working on the shares, four renters who pay the money for what land they cultivate.

Last year we raised 725 bushels of cf corn, 44 bales of cotton, oats potatoes, etc., enough to supply the families on the farm.

Received for cotton.....\$776. 21
" " Rents..... 142 25
" " Pasture..... 25 00

Total.....\$942 46

After all expenses were deducted a balance remained of \$800.

Respectfully,

H. J. OLIVER, Supt.

During the coming year, the Board recommends following along industrial lines as before. There will be at least the same number of salaries (16) and possibly one or two additional, as a sewing department will be opened at Camden as soon as the new building is completed and accommodations furnished. It has been suggested that societies purchase a certain number of acres of our farm, and thus become farmers by proxy. Monongahela presbyterial has taken the lead in this, and is the possessor of fifty-two (52) acres, and should our Junior secretary recommend this work to the Junior missionary societies, it will be our pleasure to second all efforts in this direction. The report of clothing sent falls below that of other years. There is still great need along this line, especially in the Alabama stations.

Church Extension and Parsonage Work.

*Extracts from Report of Mrs. M. M. Patterson,
Sec.*

It is scarcely necessary to say that the money is loaned and not donated in this department of the work of the women; and yet it is missionary work to help weak congregations to provide homes for their pastors, for in many cases no houses can be secured.

Writes one minister: "One of the reasons for asking this aid is, no house can be rented within the limits of the congregation; it has been necessary for me to live thirteen miles from the church. I have driven on an average 52 miles each week."

Another says: "It is very difficult to get a suitable house in a good neighborhood without having to pay a high rent."

The following from a minister whose congregation built a parsonage during the year just closed, with aid from the parsonage fund:

"We have found the parsonage a great comfort in every respect, both being warmer, more convenient and more room than we have had heretofore. It has been 31 degrees below zero here this week, and has given a good opportunity to test its warmth."

While the money loaned is returned in payments, the payments are small and most of the loans are for a long time, and often the congregations are not able to make their payments promptly.

The amounts of loans range from \$200 to \$3500 and the time for which the loans are made extends from four to twelve years. Five of these loans have been made this year and the amount of money in these loans being \$3500.

The whole amount received in payment of loans \$3224.27. The amount received from missionary societies, \$1392.78. The amount received from the thank-offering, \$3460.16. Balance on

hand, \$5975.46.

The contributions of the missionary societies to this part of the women's work have not been very liberal heretofore, and had it not been for the share of undesignated thank-offering received the number of congregations helped would have been smaller.

Again would we caution societies in regard to answering *private* appeals with contributions, as contributions given in this way only hinder the regular work undertaken by the Women's General Missionary Society.

Literature Committee.

*Extracts from Report of Mrs. E. J. McPherson,
Sec.*

Seventy-seven years ago a young physician in New York, while waiting to see a patient, carelessly picked up and read a leaflet entitled, "The Conversion of the World." He was so impressed with it, and he and his wife so pondered and prayed over it that, against appeal and opposition of friends, they set out for Ceylon, and later for India, as missionaries.

They gave more than thirty years of service there, and their nine children and several grand-children having followed in their footsteps, thus far thirty of that family—the Scudders—have given five hundred and twenty nine years to the work of foreign missions.

Such, dear fellow-workers, is the possible fruit that may be garnered by those who faithfully sow the seed of missionary literature.

Our treasurers have been sending forth loud appeals year after year and we hear the echo and re-echo of "pay up" all down the twelve months of the year. Our energetic Junior secretary and junior workers write and rewrite—"Suffer little children," "Give us the youth," "Organize Junior Missionary societies" until we are convinced that our whole

duty is to "Train up." Our executive committees and Magazine committee begin to "write up." Our courageous workers urge us to "look up," while our overburdened missionaries send forth the pathetic cry, "lift up," and then comes our irresistible Thank-offering secretary beseeching us to "count up" the mercies of the year and "box up" daily gifts in loving recognition of "all His benefits towards us," and now your literature committee, which so modestly refrain from pressing its claims because of the multiplicity of other claims presses to the front, and appeals to every earnest sister and co-worker to take upon their lips the watch word "read up."

Junior Missionary Work.

Extracts from Report of Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson, Sec.

The first mission band organized, as far as we can learn, was in the Second church, Monmouth, in 1875, twenty-two years ago. The organization of others can be traced back seventeen or eighteen years. As a rule, these little bands sprung into existence and disbanded at the will or caprice of the leader, no plan of organization having been made by the women of the church to hold or help them.

We have no way of learning what progress was made along this line until 1886, when the first statistics of these bands were printed in the annual report of the Women's General Missionary Society.

Referring to these, we find we had at that 31 bands with 739 members. In 1888 a constitution for mission bands was adopted by Women's General Missionary Society, and an effort made to strengthen and encourage this work by publishing the "Mission Band Helper," a book of 256 pages.

SPECIAL WORK.

The special work assigned the Juniors

last year was the endowment of a child's bed in the Jhelum hospital, India, at a cost of \$600. Our Juniors responded nobly to this, and we report not only the six hundred dollars, but \$125.27 over the required amount. As far as we can learn, every dollar of this money came from the Juniors and their leaders.

A metal plate will be placed on the bed with this inscription, "The Junior Bed endowed by the Juniors of the United Presbyterian Church of North America."

Our Juniors can point with pride to their Jennie Gillespie memorial school building at Prairie, Ala., where several hundred colored boys and girls have been in attendance during the past year, and are receiving an education that will help them to be self-supporting Christian men and women; and to their Junior bed in Jhelum hospital, India, where the little ones, who through the ignorance and superstition of their heathen mothers are frequently cast out to die, can now be tenderly cared for, and learn of the dear Saviour who died to redeem them.

We recommend, as the special work for the coming year, the purchase of one hundred acres of land at Prairie, Ala. This will be leased to different parties for one-half share on the crop, the number of acres to one person ranging from seven to twenty-seven. The price is \$8 per acre. If every Junior society in the church would purchase one acre, it would enable us to pay for nearly the entire farm of 640 acres.

JUNIOR PAPER.

One year ago we were looking forward in bright anticipation to the publishing of a little missionary paper for our Juniors, and the following action was taken at the Erie convention:

"That the Board of Directors be directed to publish a periodical for Juniors as soon as two thousand subscrib-

ers can be secured."

With the six thousand members in our Junior missionary societies, and as many more in the Junior unions and the Junior C. E. societies of our own church, we thought we would soon receive the requisite number. I am sure it will be a great disappointment to many of our Juniors, as it is to your Women's Board, to report that up to this time we have not received the required number of subscribers to enable us to proceed with its publication. Every Junior in the church should be a subscriber for this paper. Only *ten cents* for a whole year. Is there one member in these societies not able to pay that much if you, dear superintendent, will only make the effort to secure it?

Finance Committee.

The work of this committee is perhaps less understood than that of any other. Its most important work is to look after the finances of every department; make arrangements with the different banking institutions to pay interest on monthly balances and on time deposits; procure safe investments and endowment funds, such as that of the hospital beds at Jhelum, India, and life membership fees, and of all reserve balances; to arrange preliminaries concerning loans of all kinds, except parsonage fund. In short, to manage the monies of the corporation in the best business methods possible, in order to have a contingent fund, to meet the necessary demands in carrying on the work of the different departments.

To give some idea of the real estate and possessions held in trust for the members of the Women's Missionary societies, note the following: In India: two hospitals, one dispensary, and the ground upon which they are erected; an ambulance, a hospital tent, surgical and

optical instruments. In the home land: in Oregon fifteen acres of land, three chapels, two parsonages, and one saw mill, for Indian work. For Freedmen's work: the girl's industrial school at Chase City, Va.; teachers' home at Miller's Ferry, Ala.; school building at Prairie, Ala.; school building and teachers' home at Camden, Ala. (contracted for); little girls' home and its furnishing, with the furnishing of the little boys' home at Knoxville; six hundred and twenty-seven acres of land at Prairie, Ala.; and the Women's Missionary Magazine, with its effects.

Training School.

This is the newest department under the charge of the Women's General Missionary Society, and the work is carried on for men and women in connection with the Theological seminaries. Last year, the committee in charge of the work at Xenia, Ohio, reported thirteen students enrolled, and good work accomplished. The crowded condition of the Allegheny seminary was unfavorable for the pursuit of continued work of the training school, and but one student entered it during the past year.

In October, 1896, the Institute plan of a month's study was carried out in connection with the Allegheny seminary—with the professors, an employed evangelist, and two members of the Women's Board as instructors. The large and interested audiences gave promise of good results.

The Women's Missionary Magazine.

The editing and managing of this important part of the women's work has been carried on by a committee, located in, and near, Xenia, Ohio. Through the various literature secretaries of presbyterials and congregations, the number of subscribers has increased un'til at present it reaches 5,000. This magazine, being an organ of the General Missionary

Society, should be found in every home in the church. Literature secretaries of presbyterial and congregational societies are urged to greater efforts in this department of women's work. The subscription is 60 cents a year.

Now in closing the story of the past year we commend to the careful prayerful attention the work planned for the coming year. With perseverance and wisdom and the blessing of God it can be done. Without Him we can do nothing.

FOREIGN NEWS BUDGET.

Mrs. W. J. REID.

Egypt.

Mrs. E. M. Giffen gives general news from Cairo as follows :

The first thing I might write about this afternoon is the *heat*. We have had an unusually cool spring, but the past three days have been as hot as midsummer, the thermometer yesterday in some places in the shade marking 106°. This heat coming on so suddenly makes it all the more trying. Dr. Lansing told me the other day that many were suffering from sore eyes, especially among English people. There is a good deal of smallpox too.

Mrs. Murch was taken to the Deaconesses Hospital here in Cairo five weeks ago with typhoid fever, and she is still very sick. Her temperature some days is normal in the mornings, but the fever rises in the afternoons. She has had our united prayers all these weeks for her complete recovery and her return to her home, husband and child. Dr. Harvey's are just now rejoicing over a visit from their daughter and grandchild. They reached here last Tuesday, and expect to spend a part of the summer here.

There will be a called meeting of the Missionary Association next Tuesday to see what can be done to reduce the expenses of the mission, since the Board cannot grant the estimates asked for at the last meeting.

Several of our number have gone this afternoon to Old Cairo, to be present at the opening of the church missionary society's new hospital. They have had a hospital on a small scale for several years. Now they have erected a suitable building and moved into it, and there is to be a formal opening this afternoon. They are gradually enlarging *their* work, while it looks as though we are obliged to retrench on account of lack of funds.

If we are to hold our own here in Cairo, we feel that we should open a school in another quarter of the city, and also put up a small building in the Foom El Khaleeg district, and the Association at its last meeting took action to this effect ; but now it must all be given up on account of *no money*. We regret very much to do this, for others are ready to enter in and claim the field.

"They offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place."

Miss M. A. Smith writes of Thank-offering services at Cairo :

DEAR FRIENDS :

I think you will be interested in hearing about our Thank-offering meeting in Haret Es Sakkaeen school, which took place a few days ago. We have had such meetings for several years, and they are looked forward to with much interest by the members of the society. The programs have always been interesting, but we think this last one was

the most interesting, as the children's mission band took quite an active part. We only have had one society, the Women's Missionary society, until the beginning of this year, when we organized a society for the larger girls of the school and one for the little ones. This very much reduced our Women's society, as the larger girls were members of it until the new organization was made. At our Thank-offering meeting each of the three societies took an active part. At the time of the presentation of the offering the members of the women's and girls' societies each presented her offering with a suitable verse of Scripture. The children gave theirs while singing a psalm of praise as they marched around the table and laid the small envelope which contained their offering in the basket. The offering amounted to \$15.03, which Dr. White has kindly forwarded for us to India for the famine sufferers.

It is very hard for the children to save money, as they have so many temptations to spend it. Men and women are always about the school house door at morning and noon, and often between times, to sell candies, fruits, cakes, etc., and the money will slip through their fingers.

Miss Hogg, in giving news from Asyut, says :

I do not know if any one has written to you of the public examination of the Khayat school, which took place a few weeks ago. The Khayat family was one of the first fruits of our mission in Asyut, and besides giving generously to the support of the Asyut congregation, it founded and has for many years supported, a school for girls. This school is entirely under mission control, although supported by this family. For two or three years Mrs. Hart has had the management of this school, and the public examination was of course all arranged and carried through by her. There are, I believe, about 230 girls enrolled, and Mrs. Hart managed to have each girl appear at least once on the platform during the programme. I thought one of the prettiest parts of the exercises was when the little ones of the Primary Department appeared all dressed in white trimmed with pink and sang some little action songs. It was a very charming sight to see the many rows of eager happy faces, and it rejoiced one's heart to think that each little life would be surrounded for a time at least by religious and educational influences unknown to its parents. It is true that many of the Asyut school girls have parents who have had a few years of schooling, but that is very different from the fairly thorough course of education which the mission schools of the present day provide.

To return to our subject. The examination was considered a great success, and the parents of the children, as well as their other friends and well-wishers, seemed much pleased as they heard the

girls examined in the various studies. There were many songs and recitations of different kinds, and at the close of the exercises the Mohammedan Governor of Asyut made a complimentary speech.

Last Sabbath a Communion Service was held at the college chapel for the boys and girls of our two boarding schools. Three of Dr. Alexander's children and one of Dr. Henry's professed their faith publicly for the first time, also nineteen college students and thirteen girls. As these thirty-six stood up before the many hundreds of students assembled to witness or take part in the communion service, our hearts beat high with hope for the future of Egypt.

India.

Miss Fannie C. Martin writes from Zafarwal, April 13th:

It might be possible to write many interesting things from Zafarwal at the present time. The missionaries and workers from Sialkot district are holding our summer school. This means that we are surrounded by at least 175 christian workers, and this does not include the children. Almost every woman has a child in her arms, and some have two. Can you picture thirty women sitting on the floor, each one with a child? Perhaps while the mother is reciting, her child will get away from her and she will have to drop every thing and go to bring it back. Then two or three more will begin to cry because they cannot also get out again. Others will be displaying their human nature by wanting everything that they see. And so while we are trying to teach these women their lessons we are surely taught a lesson of patience. Several of the children are sick; some have sore eyes, and one has burnt feet. Altogether you will see that we labor under some difficulties as we try to teach the native workers in a summer school. I am teaching the children who are old enough to be in school. I think my class would be worthy of praise for good behavior if the mothers would not come and call some of the class out every few minutes to come and take care of a brother or sister.

I do pity the older children in this country, for so much of the care of the younger brothers and sisters depends on them. Especially is this true of the little girls. My heart often aches for the little girls as we see them out in the villages.

Evangelical meetings were held five days at the beginning of our summer's work here, and on last Sabbath we had communion, which was enjoyed very much by all. The workers have taken up the class work as though they consider it a pleasure and not a mere duty. Our school work begins at 6:30 in the morning, and the most of the forenoon is spent with the classes. In the afternoon we have a conference meeting.

On account of not having a young lady with me, I shall be compelled to leave Zafarwal as soon as the school work is over, but I will be with Miss Lawrence in Pasrur.

Mrs. Alma McConnellee writes from Rawal, Pindi, April 14th:

During the Lahore convention, on Sabbath afternoon, Feb. 28, a prayer meeting was called "for all those who are interested in Rawal, Pindi." About forty missionaries and others gathered together in a room of the hotel and a most blessed and profitable hour was spent. To tell all that has grown out of this prayer meeting would make more than could be put in an article for the News Budget. Just a few things may be mentioned.

Special meetings began immediately upon our return home. Without any planning on our part, the way was opened up for these meetings. Mr.

Lytle, Mr. Gordon, Dr. White, Miss Campbell, in short, in less than a week, six missionaries and six native workers were with us. The meetings were productive of much good, and we know that we have all been greatly blessed. At the time of these meetings a movement was started by the native Christians to call Grandu Mal as their pastor. Yesterday the call was moderated by Mr. Porter. This will be the first really self supporting congregation in our mission.

I suppose the news has already gone home of the appointment of Miss White and Miss Fulton to Rawal-Pindi for the summer. They have visited all of the Christians, organized several prayer meetings, and are beginning the zenana work. Many houses are opening to them. Most of their time is taken up with the care of the forty-one famine children which Miss Anderson, Miss White and Mr. McConnellee brought from the famine district. The morning the children arrived was a cold chilly one, and as they sat on our veranda shivering in the cold, while we were making arrangements for them, they made a most pitiful sight. Could you have seen their thin bodies with so little flesh on them that every bone could be counted, with starvation written upon every face, and the smaller ones so weak that they could scarcely walk, you would, in a measure, be able to realize what they have suffered. Since coming here several of them have been quite sick, but all seem better now, and we hope they may grow to be forty-one good earnest Christians. We ask that they may have an interest in your prayers.

We include as news from Gujranwala, a brief letter from Miss Mary E. Logan:

I have just finished my morning class work (our summer school is in session now,) and before I read the Budget letter I will add a few words.

At the close of a helpful conference, during the meeting of Synod held here this spring, some one suggested that an offering be made in the interest of the famine children, who were then on their way to our mission. This was enthusiastically responded to by the native brethren, as well as the missionaries, and in a few minutes some 160 rupees had been contributed. Mr. Lytle then asked if we could not make it 200. At once other contributions were brought forward to the table until 217 rupees had been made up.

Not long ago a native sister asked me to whom she could send money. She had not been present at that meeting, but she wished to give toward the support of the poor little famine sufferers. I mention this that you may know that a spirit of giving is appearing in the native church.

Surely this is a cause for thanksgiving and rejoicing, for when the tithes are brought in may we expect the windows of heaven to be opened and the blessing poured out?

Count Zinzendorf said, "That land is my country which most needs the Gospel." Surely that land which most needs the Gospel should receive the most of the money and prayers which a Christian gives for others. It is Christian doctrine to go to those who need us most. No committee is needed to teach us who are the most needy. India, China, Japan, Africa are pleading for us with loud voices.

Freedmen's Work.

On Sabbath, May 16th, Dr. McCulloch took for the subject of his discourse the collections for repairing the house of the Lord during the reign of Josiah, King of Judah. He made a very earnest and scriptural appeal to the congregation for funds in support of the work amongst the freedmen, and more particularly for the re-building of Elnathan hall. At the close of the service, just before pronouncing the benediction, he asked for subscriptions, to be paid by the end of the year. The first made was for \$200, and they went on from that down to one dollar. When counted, there was something over \$1900 subscribed. The next day the students who had not money to give made a canvass amongst themselves and agreed to clean some ninety thousand bricks. At the time of writing this article some twelve or fourteen thousand have been cleaned. One of the professors made a partial canvass of the city and received \$120 with the promise of more. There are others who have not yet been seen who have expressed a willingness to help. He says he met with the utmost courtesy, and received, along with the contributions, expressions of good will and sympathy for the work of the college, from many of the best business men of the town. Several of them told him that they were convinced that the plan of education followed by Knoxville College is just what is needed for the colored race—Christian education combined with manual labor.

On Thursday, the 13th of May, a gloom was cast over the college and community by the sudden illness of Mrs. Wait. She was stricken with paralysis, in her class-room, and has been lying helpless since, unable to articulate distinctly more than a word or two at a time. Mrs. Wait has been connected with the college for about fifteen years,

and a good part of that time she has been the principal of the Training department. It has been announced in some of the church papers lately that she was matron of the Little Girls' Home, but this is a mistake. Her sudden illness created quite a blank in the working force just at a time when every one was on the strain preparing for the close of the term. But the other teachers took up her work, and it has gone on with as little interruption as possible.

I have just returned from a hasty tour of our Alabama mission stations. I had the pleasure of visiting four of the six stations, viz: Summerfield, Prairie, Miller's Ferry and Canton Bend. I was too late to see them at their best, as the schools had closed, and some of the workers had left their fields for the summer; but still I obtained a very good idea of the way the work is being done, and the character of it. I do not purpose to go into detail concerning the different stations, as the time and space at my disposal will not admit of a lengthy description.

From what I knew of the work in the Black Belt, I had the impression that the conditions were very much like those attending our work in India, and from what I saw and heard while there, this impression is deepened. The sandy, loamy soil, easy to work compared with the heavier soil of the North, the products of the farms and gardens, but more especially the financial, social, mental, moral, and spiritual condition of the people, made me feel more than ever that mission work in the Black Belt is in many ways similar to mission work in India; and the fact that the people are professed Christians, makes it more difficult to reach them than if they were out-and-out heathen.

The discouragements are great and many, yet the pure gospel which is being

taught, and more especially which is being *lived*, amongst them, will have its usual elevating effect. One substantial evidence of progress is a contribution of thirteen dollars, which was collected in the two older stations, Miller's Ferry and Prairie, for the famine sufferers in India. When people give so liberally out of deep poverty it shows that a good degree of real progress has been made.

The workers have reason to thank God and take courage, and to push on

the work so well begun. To the friends who support it I would say: You have no reason to be ashamed of your missions in Alabama or of your missionaries. But remember the work is only beginning, and there remains much more land to be possessed.

Pray for these workers, and think no less of them than of those who go far off to the foreign fields, for they are doing work just as important and needy.

ELIZABETH MCCAHOE.

Knoxville, Tenn., June 5, 1897.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

DEAR JUNIORS:

How happy you will be as you read the report of the amount contributed by the Juniors in the past year. It is as follows:

Junior Bed, Jhelum Hospital, India.....	\$725 27
Foreign Missions.....	900 27
Home Missions.....	505 06
Freedmen	361 10
Church Extension and Parsonage.....	159 35
Ministerial Relief.....	12 25
Contingent Fund	59 49
Congregational	230 86
Orphans' Home.....	39 25
Memorial Hospital.....	97 07
Aged People's Home.....	14 50
Undesignated.....	131 00
Miscellaneous	549 23
Thank Offering.....	446 52

Total.....	4231 22
Number of boxes and packages	62
Value of same.....	\$563 00

Grand Total.....\$4794 22

Last year the amount in money contributed was \$4,231.22; the year before \$3,724.00—a gain of \$507.22. Value of boxes contributed, \$563.00; the year before, \$389.90—a gain of \$173.10. Total gain of last year over the year previous, \$680.32. Let each Junior ask himself, How much have I in that? Did I do all I could? The number of new societies is forty, and the number of new members, 1,632.

When the report is read stop long enough to sing some suitable selection. And also remember the Junior bed in

Jhelum hospital, with your name engraved on a plate above it. Pray for the little child who occupies it. When you have grown old there will still be some little child there, being made stronger and taught of our Saviour's love. At the great judgment, when each one gives an account, you will say, "I helped to care for these little ones." Christ says: "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

Our Junior secretary only asked for \$600 for the Junior bed last year, but you gave \$725. This year the special work is to pay for one hundred acres of land at Prairie, Ala., part of the farm purchased by the Women's General Missionary society, the price eight dollars an acre. Our secretary thought if when she asked for \$600 you gave \$725, you would make a little more effort and give \$800 this year.

The object of this farm is, while the freedmen are being educated in the mission school, spiritually and mentally, to also teach them the best methods of farming and home-making. Mr. Oliver, who superintends the farm, has promised to write something about the work for

the Juniors.

If you have an opportunity, as many of you will, to meet and hear the Choral Glee Club of Athens, you will know the kind of young men and women our freedmen schools are sending forth. Rev. J. L. Cook says they are not our best students, nor our worst, only representative. As you learn more of this work will you not be very glad that it has been given to you? By God's help will you not make a greater effort and give the \$800 without neglecting any other work to which you feel pledged?

India.

Questions and Answers for Missionary Societies and Mission Bands.

PART II.

19. What are some of the employments of the people in India?

They engage in all sorts of business and farming. Many are in government service, while some are in the army.

20. What are the modes of travel in India?

Railways, street cars, carriages, carts, ekkahs, (springless buggies) palanquins, and ponies. Many people take long journeys on foot.

21. What is the food of the people?

They live largely on vegetable food. The bread is made of coarse flour mixed with water and baked in thin cakes. With this they eat sag or greens or dal (a kind of lentiles). Sometimes they have dal and rice, or curry and rice. Much pepper is used and other spices, in cooking native food. Mohammedans use all sorts of meat except pork, which they consider an abomination. The Hindus do not eat beef. The outcasts eat anything, even carrion. All classes smoke the hukka or water-pipe.

22. What is a zenana?

It is the name applied to the quarters of the women who are shut up in their homes and not allowed to go about

freely in the streets. They are allowed to see no men but near relations. Mohammedan women who live in close seclusion are called *purda nishin*, or dwellers behind the curtain. Forty millions are prisoners of the zenana. Women of the poorer classes are not thus secluded.

23. What is peculiar about the households in India?

When a son marries he does not go into a house of his own, but brings his wife home to live with his parents and other members of the family. The wife must obey her mother-in-law, who is often unkind and sometimes cruel. Where several families live together there is often much quarreling among the women.

24. What are the employments of the women?

They cook and serve their husband's meals. They spin and sometimes embroider, and a few learn to read the books of their religions. Much time is spent in quarreling and gossiping. The women of the villages sometimes assist in field work.

25. What diseases are most prevalent in India?

Cholera and kindred troubles, liver and spleen diseases, and fevers of all sorts. Eye troubles are numerous and severe, and many people are blind. There are many lepers and wretched beggars. The black plague has recently been carrying off thousands in some parts of India, but more people die every year from fever than from any other cause.

26. We often hear of famine in India. Why is this?

The population of the country is dense. Many of the people are in debt to the merchants and are obliged to pay exorbitant interest. Often most of a farmer's crops go to these money lenders. Even in a good year it is hard for the poor to get enough to eat and wear, for the

wages of a common laborer are about ten cents per day. When there is little rain, the shop-keepers raise the price of grain until it becomes impossible for the poor to buy, and much suffering results.

Wheat is often stored in pits during a time of plenty and when famine comes this decaying grain is sold to the starving people at high rates by the merchants.

MISS ANNA GIVEN.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

BECKY'S EXPERIENCE AT SLACKVILLE.

AS TOLD BY JEDEKIAH JONES.

My Beckey come home from her tower with her returned missionary, all upset! She didn't say a cross word to me,—she never does; but she went 'round so mum and glum that I says, "Beckey, dear, I wouldn't go into the diary." She give me a quick look. "Why, Jedekiah, do I look sour enough to spoil the cream? I didn't mean to," says she, "but I do feel so riled every time I think o' that meetin' last night! I thought I'd keep it to myself, but mebbe I'd feel better to talk it over with you. You see, we had an afternoon meetin' at Lee-ville, and the train brought us down to Slackville just in time for service. We 'sposed, of course, some one would come to meet us, but we looked in vain. Meanwhile, the only 'bus there was drove off and left us, high and dry, big bag, bundle and all. We hired a boy to help us, and at last got to the church, all out o' breath, and nearly froze up, to find a few people scattered over a big, cold room.

"We found the president standin' over the register, nice and warm. 'I am sorry the meeting come just at this time,' says she. 'It is very unfortunate. We had a supper last night, and are all tired out; and the Universalists have a supper to-night; and a very eloquent woman lectures on Woman's Suffrage at the Hall, and everybody has spent all their money for Christmas. Really, it is the worst time in the year for a meeting.' The minister he came 'round and shook

hands, and says, 'Well, sisters, what can I do for you? What is your programme, Mrs. President?'

" 'I haven't any.' "

" 'At least, you must pray for me before I try to speak,' says Sister Q. 'Are you ladies prepared to canvass for members?'

" 'No; our ladies don't like to do it,' says she.

" 'Supposing I say I don't like to stand up in such a place as this and talk,' says Sister Q. 'I honestly think if I can do that, you ladies can at least go through the audience with papers.'

" 'Oh, you are used to it,' says she. 'We concluded we'd just ask you to talk, and stir the people up.'

" 'I don't come around just to "stir up" people. I want to get them to do something; and if they won't give when it is hot, they won't after it gets cold.'

" 'Did you order the miteboxes?' says I.

" 'No; our folks don't care for boxes.'

" 'Excuse me, ladies; it is time to begin,' says the minister.

" 'The president wouldn't go up into the pulpit; said she was too modest to face an audience! The minister stood by us good, I will say that.

" 'Would you like a song?' says he.

" 'Yes.'

" 'Any particular one?'

" 'No.'

" 'Just think o' that, Jedekiah! That audience waitin', and waitin' through it all!'

"But when Sister Q. come to talk, I could see she was havin' a hard time to pull through. When, at last, she asked who would take her subscription papers through the audience, no one moved. It was cold and still as a tomb; and they sat there, lookin' as cool as 'Greenland's icy mountains.'

"Finally I riz up, and says, 'I'll take one'; and the minister's wife, she says, 'I'll take one,'—bless her!—and the minister, he drafted the president and the secretary. They come out o' their seats somethin' like that last eyetooth o' yourn, Jedekiah, the one that growed around your jawbone. They took the papers, and then looked up so innercent, and says, 'Have you got pencils for us?'

"Finally they got rigged out, and we all started. I got eight new members and five new subscribers to the Missionary MAGAZINE; one man signed for a donation of ten cents, and a poor girl that works in the factory put down five dollars. I declare, that president and secretary sauntered down their aisle like a couple o' folks takin' an evenin' stroll through Boston Common, just to pass the time! Afterwards the minister says, 'Now, this good sister has no salary, and has come to us, and we want to pay her traveling expenses. We will pass the boxes, and you can put in your stray pennies, and what is left over will go to the work.'

"I couldn't let it go like that, Jedekiah. 'Stray pennies,' when Christless souls are dyin' by the thousand every hour! 'Stray pennies,' when God says 'the silver and the gold are his,' and so I said a few words. The minister took it all right, and says, 'Who will pass the boxes? By the way, where are the boxes? Brother So-and-so, won't you go down in the vestry and get them? Here, Jennie and Mamie, and Lucy, and Nannie,' to four little girls on the front seat, 'You take

them. They are such dear, cunning little things,' says he, with a tender smile.

"He meant it all right, and I didn't say a word, but, oh dear! 'Cunnin'! Jedekiah, we don't hold missionary meetin's to be cunnin.' We want to get money to save the world! It is the King's business, and big business.

"The idea of sendin' them little tots! They never passed boxes, and couldn't reach the folks, more'n half, and didn't know how to do it anyhow. 'Cunnin'? Oh my! I wanted to ask him, 'Sposin' you was goin' to raise a church debt, would you send around cunnin' little girls to do the business?'

"When we come to look over the papers the minister's wife had beat me; but them two other women hadn't a solitary name on their'n, and they had the best aisles, too.

"Sister Q. said, 'Every Christian family ought to have a mitebox for thank offerings,' and asked them to come forward at the close of service and take the boxes she had brought, and look at the curiosities, etc.

"They come, in a grand rush. 'Give me a little box, please?' My little boy would like a box.' Meanwhile the organ had got to thunderin' right back o' the pulpit till you couldn't hear yourself think.

"People were grabbin' for the boxes, and askin' this and that about the curiosities. Sister Q. was bendin' this way and that, tryin' her level best to hear the questions, and treat 'em all perlite, and git the names o' them who was takin' boxes.

"The organ thundered on. People was reachin' and screamin' to be heard.

"The president had Sister Q's pencil, and instead o' takin' hold and writin' down names, she jined in, askin questions, as though it was fur more important for her to see the little shoes from

China than tend to the boxes.

"Just as the organ stopped, givin' us a chance to go to work, the sexton turned off most o' the gas, and stood with his rod uplifted, ready to leave us in total darkness. The people scattered, and Sister Q. hustled her things into her bag. Just then the treasurer come up, and says, 'You come from Leeville, didn't you?' 'Yes.' 'Well, here is nineteen cents for your fare; and I did hope you'd tell us more about the manners and customs of China. Do they really eat rats in China?

'Nineteen cents for her fare, and she was one hundred and twenty miles from home: to say nothing of the boy, &c.

"The president says: 'I am sorry you have so far to go to-night, but we have had a great time to get a place for you. We tried to get you in at the parsonage, but the minister's wife's mother and father and two sisters have come.

They have four children. and only six rooms in the house anyhow. But this is Sister Brown; she will take you home.'

"Sister Brown looked very smilin' till she saw the big, heavy bag. 'Dear me,' says she. 'Mr. Brown has gone. I am so sorry! Let me carry the bag.'

"Sister Brown is a frail little thing, and looks like a wind might blow her up to heaven any day. Sister Q. looked down upon her and smiled, and said, 'No, I thank you; I am used to it.' When at last we got to our room, I says, 'Well, Sister Q., I think I could say good-bye to my native country and my dearest friends, and go to China and live with the heathen, but I don't think I could ever git grace enough to be a returned missionary.'

"She just smiled and said, 'O, I am used to it, and then I have so many good times I don't mind such as these.'"

Adapted from Heathen Women's Friend.

EDITORIAL.



Mrs. Ollie C. Park.



Mrs. Mattie Henry.



Mrs. E. B. Dowell.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT INDIANOLA.

We think our General Assembly did a sweet and gracious thing in sending congratulations to her Britannic Majesty Queen Victoria, on the happy and blessed occasion of her diamond jubilee. Like a "mountain of light" her long, prosperous and beneficent reign has shed its refulgence on the whole world, and we as American United Presbyterians have been specially benefitted by its beams and so let us

"Sing with heart and voice
God save the Queen."

It was Mrs. S. B. Irwin, of West Hebron, N. Y., niece of Mrs. Margaret Beveridge Reed, who kindly contributed the sketch of that lady which appeared in June number over the signature of B——.

An exchange says: "Mohammedism has three foes in the Orient which are mighty and exceedingly hard to resist. These are found in Robert College at Constantinople, the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut, and the training college of the United Presbyterian church at Asyut, Egypt. These are far more dangerous than an army of 50,000 men.

In the "Story of the Year," which we affectionately dedicate to the women of the church, it is as though we had read the title page of a book, had glanced at the different headlines and scanned the concluding paragraphs first. We believe the faithful worker will pursue the study and read between the pages, and lay away the information gained among the pleasant treasures which the past year of work and service brought. To this end we commend the annual report of the late convention at Indianola, Ia., which is now in the hands of the publisher and will be ready for distribution at an early date.

We are glad to note that both the Ar-

gyle and Xenia societies cheerfully acquiesced in the recommendation that all monies raised by our societies be sent through our presbyterial treasurers to our general treasurer, Miss E. J. Sloan, and that all monies forwarded to her be sent from the presbyterial and not from the congregational societies, as formerly. This will greatly simplify Miss Sloan's arduous work, and it is hoped that all the societies will soon fall in line.

The Xenia Presbyterial Society held its semi-annual meeting on June 17th in the First U. P. church, Xenia. The morning was devoted to business and the hearing of reports from the W. G. M. S. All were interested in what had been done during the year, and even more so in the plans for new work. A luncheon and a good time socially filled in the interim until time for the afternoon meeting, which was devoted to a rally of the Juniors of the presbytery. The bright, happy faces of the children and their delightful exercises did much to overcome the discomfort of the excessive heat.

Miss Fannie H. Williams, of Salem, N. Y., has sent us a copy of the Washington County Post, which contains an extended account of the thirteenth annual meeting of the Argyle Presbyterial Society. It must have been a fine meeting. "Literature and Missions," "Praying and Missions," and "Giving and Missions," were ably discussed and were accompanied by reports of the work being done in the various lines by that presbyterial and by the W. G. M. S.

An interesting feature was a map-study of our mission fields in India and Egypt.

Rev. James G. Hunt, who has given himself at the call of God to the work in Egypt, was presented to the meeting.

Program of Missionary Society for August

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Power of Music in Missions. Praising God is an important part of all religious worship. The worship of God enters largely into all missionary efforts. In mission work there is no success without His blessing. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

One of the most pleasing and instructive exercises in all Christian work is the song, and experience has proven that little success is secured in missionary effort without it. Luther, Knox, Calvin, Whitefield, the Wesleys, and all modern evangelists, have employed music as an important element in all work for Christ. The society of Friends found their young people going to the other denominations, or to the world, or scepticism, and have introduced singing in their meetings for worship. Our own church has been making rapid strides, and binding her young people closely to her, by giving more importance to music than formerly.

We lost much of the work done among the freedmen, during the war, at Nashville—so far as our own church is concerned—by our inattention to the cultivation of music. Fisk University, with its attractive music drew away our pupils,

until the school was abandoned.

But let us remember that God is not pleased with mere harmony of sounds. Music is the pleasing way of deeply stirring the emotions, expressing the desires, and celebrating the praises of God for His greatness and goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men. He looks beyond the most artistic rendering of His words in praise into the heart. Then,

1. In all meetings for worship let all sing, and sing well, but sing with the Spirit, and the understanding, and be reverent.

2. Let the music move our own hearts to better thoughts, and holier conceptions of the goodness of God, and our example will tell on the world.

3. By the song we teach truth in a way that reaches the heart, for our religion is a *heart* religion.

4. The memory is helped by truth, which is sung, and it is therefore important that the very truth be sung.

Let four persons be selected to give a short exercise, talk or essay, on each of these topics, and one for an exercise on the general subject. As suggestive see Math. 26:30; Acts 2:47; Acts 16:25. Sing Bible songs, No's. 87, 84:1-2, 216, 169, 165. 69:5-6. J. F. H., Xenia, O.

REPORTS, Etc.**Report of Women's Board for June.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board was held June 1st. The usual opening exercises were observed, consisting of singing, reading of scripture, and prayer, after which the re-organization of the Board took place. The following officers were elected to serve for one year: Pres., Mrs. Annie R. Herron; 1st V P., Mrs. Geo. W. McDonald; 2nd V. P., Mrs. Jas. A. Grier; Rec. Sec.,

Mrs. Mary W. Porter; Asst. Sec., Mrs. M. J. Stevenson; Treasurer, Miss E. J. Sloan; Sec'y of Foreign Missions, Mrs. W. J. Reid; Cor. Sec'y Home Missions, Mrs. H. C. Campbell; Cor. Sec'y Freedmen's Missions, Dr. C. Jane Vincent; Church Extension and Parsonage Fund, Mrs. M. M. Patterson; Sec'y Thank-offering, Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter; Sec'y Junior Missionary Work, Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson; Literature Sec'y, Mrs. J. A.

Grier ; Railroad Sec'y, Miss E. D. Brown ; Executive Com., the officers of the Board with the addition of Mrs. E. J. McPherson and Miss E. D. Brown ; Finance Com., Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Miss E. J. Sloan, Mrs. Geo. W. McDonald, Mrs. M. J. Stevenson ; Auditor, Mr. A. F. Sawhill ; Attorney at Law, Mr. William Yost.

The resignation of Mrs. E. J. McPherson as Literature secretary was received, and as Mrs. McPherson expects to remain in California for some months the resignation was accepted and appointment made as recorded above.

No report from the Foreign department, the secretary having been appointed a delegate from the Women's Board to the General Assembly.

The Finance committee made a very important report regarding the loan of money. A printing committee was appointed to take bids for the printing of the minutes, the membership column in the presbyterial blanks to be changed to the first place in the blanks of presbyterial statistical reports.

Freedmen's secretary reported from Camden, Ala., \$1,200 paid in building at this place.

Home Mission secretary arranged for traveling expenses of missionary and salary.

Treasurer reported the total amount of Thank-offering to be \$17,585.68, of which amount \$2,169.11 is designated, leaving a balance of \$15,416.57, which was, on motion, divided as follows ; Freedmen's Missions, \$5,000 ; Foreign Missions, \$4,000 ; Home Missions, \$3,415.92 ; Ch. Extension and Parsonage, \$3,000.

The treasurer was authorized to print in the reports the money designated, as heretofore. MARY W. PORTER, Sec'y.

Thank-Offering Message.

A new year is open before us in which to make renewed efforts toward bringing

the entire membership of our United Presbyterian church up to the high plane of "thank-livers" and "thank-givers." To have abundant fruit of the harvest-tide the seed sowing must begin in season. The thank-offering of the past year, amounting to \$17,585.00, was large, considering the stringency of the money market, and so goodly a sum having been given into the Lord's treasury at Indianola was largely the result of good work done in May and June of 1896.

Much better work should be done this coming year through the presbyterial secretaries, whose aim is to introduce the senior and junior boxes into every congregation and into every household therein. Special effort should be made by junior leaders, in this opening year of a new decade of giving, to train their Juniors to be grateful to God for His constant goodness to them, and to prove their gratitude with frequent offerings, at least weekly, in their little red and white boxes.

The twenty-six presbyterials which appointed Thank-offering secretaries the past year are requested to retain the same persons in office (*if efficient*) from year to year, but if changes are made, prompt notice should be sent to the Thank-offering secretary of the Women's Board.

Presbyterials which have not yet responded to the letters sent to their presidents last October, asking that Thank-offering secretaries be appointed, are kindly urged to take prompt action, and thus "keep step" with other presbyterials in this beautiful work for our Lord and Master and for His people. During the years 1894, 95, and 96 only fifteen of the sixty-three presbyterials reporting Thank-offerings given have advanced in their average per member, while forty-seven have lost in their average. Those that have gained are Arkansas Valley

Allegheny, Beaver Valley, Cleveland, Delaware, Illinois, Central Indiana, Le Claire, Los Angeles, Mercer, New York, 1st Ohio, Philadelphia, Pittsburg (Kansas) and Westmoreland.

The membership of our Women's General Missionary Society represents 1,020 congregational societies. In every congregation there should be appointed early each year a Thank-offering committee which would represent all the societies in the congregation—Women's, Young People's, Juniors, etc. The name and address of the secretary of this committee should be sent to the presbyterial Thank-offering secretary in order to receive instructions in regard to the work. Congregational committees should, if possible, be retained in office a series of years, in order that they may gain a knowledge of the work through experience.

Because of the extra expense of shipping packages to congregations, presbyterial secretaries do not handle supplies, therefore congregational committees are requested to order boxes, envelopes, literature, responsive services, etc., direct from the secretary of the Board, care of J. J. Porter & Co., 824 Liberty St., Pittsburg Pa.

While boxes are sent free of charge, societies are asked to pay the cost of mailing or express charges where it is possible to do so. The amount can be found on each package when received; so please do not add to the already heavy burdens of your secretary by asking, "Please send me the bill for mailing." An arrangement has been made whereby the Thank-offering supplies can often be sent to different points for less by express than by mail, and in shipping the agency is employed that gives the least expense.

The editor of the Indianola *Herald* kindly published in full the "Ten Years' History of the Thank-offering Work" given at the convention, and has struck

off "Supplemental" copies, which can be ordered from the same address as given for the boxes. Price per single copy, 2c; per dozen, 15c.

MRS. MARY CLOKEY PORTER.

824 Liberty St., Pittsburg, Pa.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts for the month of April including 1st and 15th, 1897.

Foreign.—Concordia, for India, 7.50; Miss Kimmal's S. S. class, Concordia, for India, 2.50; McKeesport Aftermath, 10; Wilmerding, 5; Greensburg Jun. M. S., 4.31; West Newton, 49.06; Boston, Pa., 5; Mt. Pleasant, 13; Buena Vista Willing Workers, 5; Buena Vista, 6; Turtle Creek, 20; Leechburg, 15; Logan's Ferry, 12; Scottdale, 6; Illinois Southern Pres., 5; Bellevue, 11; Etna Y. P., 4; Aspinwall, 5; Springdale, 5; Deer Creek, 6; Santa Ana, 13.75; 2nd Los Angeles, 5; Wildomar, 10; Southfield, 24.80; Commerce, 9; Troy, 6; 2nd New Wilmington, 15; Mundale, 10; Piper City, 7.66; Piper City Junior M. Band, 3.50; Smithville, 14; Hoopeston, 5; Bethel, Ill., Junior M. Band, 2; Dalton, 20; Millersburg, 14; Canton, 5; Bellefontaine, 12; Bellefontaine Y. L. for Egypt, 4.25; Sidney, 5; Silvercreek, 4.15; Belle Center, 10; Belle Center M. Band, 2; Kenton, 10; Huntsville, 17.55; Richmond, Kan., Willing Workers, 1; 7th Chicago, 5; Somonauk, 25; 6th Pittsburgh Y. M., 15; 8th Pittsburgh Y. M., 2.50; 11th Pittsburgh Y. M., 5; 2nd Verona, 10; 2nd Wilkinsburg, 10; Erie, 12; Erie, Y. L., 10 North Shenango Juniors M. S., 5; Utica Junior M. S. for India, 3; Big Spring Pres., 75.35; 1st Ohio Pres. for India, 30; Des Moines Pres. for Egypt, 5; Knoxville, Ia., 6; Uniontown, 2; Hookstown, 10; Mt. Pleasant, Frankfort Pres., 7; Quimby, 5; Bethel, 6; Buffalo, 5; Butler, 5; Centerville, 5; Fairview, 5; Grove City, 6; Prospect, 5; Springfield, 6; White Oak Springs, 6; Worthington, 15; Harmony for India, 29; Pittsburg, Kan., 8; Aledo, 4; Homestead, 6.50; Munford, for India, 14; York, N. Y., 24; 2nd Buffalo, 5; Le Claire Pres., 20.68; Spokane, 5; Dayton, 10; 3rd Xenia for Egypt, 15; Sugar Creek for Egypt, 13; 1st Columbus, for India, 3; 1st Columbus, Junior M. S., for India, 1; Unionville Center, 6; 2nd Xenia, 21; 1st Pawnee, 13.15; 2nd Pawnee, 8; 2nd Pawnee Junior Union for India, 2.76; Carmel, 10.35; Carmel Junior Band, 5.85; Madison, 5; Madison Junior Band, 2; Shiloh, 8.50; 1st San Francisco, 2.50; San Jo e, 8.80; Easton, 6.95; Castroville, 3; Salina 3.50; Tarkio Y. W., 17; Atlantic, 10; Shannon City Junior M. S. for Egypt, 5; York, 5; College Springs, 9; Clarinda, 5; 1st Cleveland, 10; 2nd Cleveland, 10; 1st Youngstown, 6; Walton M. Band, for Egypt, 12.84, and for India, 3.65; 12th Philadelphia, 5; 9th Philadelphia, 40; Omaha Central, 16; Dunbar, 2.50; 1st New Castle Y. L., 1.60; Ellwood, 7; 2nd New Castle, 7; Portersville, 5; New Brighton, 5; Jeanette, 5; Martin's Ferry, 6; Roney's Point, 10; High Ridge, 5; West Alexander, 37; Harrisville, 11; Kortright Center, I. A. H. Circle, 3; Claysville, 14; Cross Roads, 11; Mt. Prospect, 10; Peter's Creek, 15; 2nd Washington, Pa., 10.

Foreign Special.—Union Westmoreland Pres. for famine sufferers in India, 15; 10th Allegheny Y. P., 10; Orphan's Home Junior M. S., 2; Etna Y. P., 5; Springdale, 3; 3rd Allegheny Y. L. M. C., 5; these all for support of Egyptian boy; Allegheny Park Chapel to educate child in Egypt, 24; 2nd Allegheny Willing Workers, Bible reader India, 40; Sharon Ralph E. Carson M. Band special to Egypt, 5; 1st Sparta Sr. Y. P. D. S. C. E., pupil India, 25; Olathe M. Band, girl India, 4.50; Miss Florence Stewart, pupil Sialkot 7; 1st Pittsburgh, Y. W. pu-

pil Asyut, 50; Pittsburgh, Shadyside Junior M. S., pupil India, 25; Hebron, Ind., S. S., 5, and O. Y. P. C. U., 5, for pupil P. M. Institute, Egypt Caledonia Pearl Gatherers, pupil Cairo, 50; Newton, Kan., Mary Thompson M. Band, for little girls, India, 6th; 7th Philadelphia, pupil Miss Thompson's school Egypt, 50; New Athens for famine sufferers, India, 10; 1st Allegheny L. F. M. S., pupils Asyut, 75; Sewickley Dorcas Soc., for Egyptian boy, 5.

Foreign Salaries.—Dr. S. E. Johnson Westmoreland Pres., 246.76; Miss Fulton, Southern Illinois Pres., 20; Miss Logan, Allegheny Pres., 150; Indiana Pres., 105.50; Miss Hogg, 3rd Allegheny Young Men's Soc., 37.50; 2nd Allegheny Y. P. 75, and W. M. 25; Miss M. R. Martin, Mansfield Pres., 41.50; Miss Smith, Garnett Pres., 19; Miss Buchanan, Monongahela Pres., 85; Miss Cora B. Dickey, 6th church Pittsburgh and societies, 140; Dr. Anna Watson, a friend, 70; Miss A. Y. Thompson, First Ohio Presbytery, 62.50; Miss C. E. Wilson, Des Moines Pres., 105; Miss Ella Gordon, Cedar Rapids, 52.50 and Le Claire Y. W., 25; Miss Corbett, Brookville Pres., 15; Miss S. E. Dickey, Xenia Pres., 16; Miss Young, College Springs Pres., 218.50; Miss M. A. Lawrence, Arkansas Valley Pres., 52.28; Miss J. L. White, Beaver Valley Pres., 200; Miss Embleton, W. M. S., Chase City Mission, Va., 5; Miss McCahon, Chartier Pres., 62.50; Miss F. C. Martin, Conemaugh O. Y. C. P. U., 29.

Endowment of Bed in Jhelum Hospital, India.—Braddock Cradle Roll, 9; Wilmerding Junior C. U., 5; Turtle Creek Junior M. S., 4; Stewart's Station Junior M. S., 5; Braddock Y. L., 15; Orphan's Home Junior M. S., 3; 2nd Allegheny Willing Workers, 10; Emsworth Junior M. S., 5; 6th Allegheny, Girls' Junior M. S., 5; Avalon Junior M. S., 10; 2nd Los Angeles Junior M. S., 2, also Cradle Roll, 1; Smithville Junior M. Band, 3; Richmond, Kan., Willing Workers, 1; Welda Willing Workers, 2; Edgerton Junior M. S., 10.20; Junior Missionary Societies of Altoona, 2; New Florence, 10; Shiloh 4; 2nd Indiana, 3; Camp Creek, 5; 1st Pittsburgh Gleaners Band, 8; 5th Pittsburgh, 2; 6th Pittsburgh 3; 7th Pittsburgh, 14; 9th Pittsburgh, 19; Oakland Pittsburgh, 10; Shadyside Pittsburgh, 25; McDonald, 5.30; 1st Verona, 14; 1st Wilkinsburg, 10; 2nd Wilkinsburg, 6; Hamilton Avenue Pittsburgh, 6; 3rd Pittsburgh and Jr. C. E., 5; Sheakleyville, 1; Erie Y. L., 5, and Cradle Roll, 2; 1st Ohio Pres., 5; Oskaloosa and J. M. Band, 4; Garner Junior Union, 4; 1st Cedar Rapids, 8; Unity, 2; Harmony, 14; West Sunbury, 5; Butler, 3; Cuylerville, 5; Le Claire, 14.35; 3rd Xenia, 5; 2nd Xenia, 5; Jamestown, 3; Columbus, Neil Ave., 1.40; 1st Xenia, 2.25; 1st Columbus, 5; Sugar Creek, 5; San Jose, 3.60; Shannon City, 10; College Springs, 11.85; Tingley 8.25; Tingley, Light Bearers, 5.25; 1st Youngstown, 5; West Philadelphia, 5; Omaha, Park Avenue, 1.76; Bethel Beaver Valley Pres., 1; 1st New Castle, 5; 2nd New Castle, Y. P. C. Union, 5; 2nd New Castle, Cradle Roll, 1; New Brighton, Cradle Roll, 5; West Alexander, 10; New Bedford, Margaret S. Walker's S. S. class, 3; Chartiers, 16; Chartiers Y. L., 35; Center Chartiers Pres., Junior C. U., 12.

Medical Work.—Pittsburgh, Hamilton Avenue Y. W., 5; Ingram Junior M. S., 20.

Home and Salaries.—Fairfield and Ligonier, 7; Buena Vista Willing Workers, 2; Bethel, 5; Buena Vista, 5; Turtle Creek Y. L., 5; Scottdale, 6; McKeesport Aftermath, 20; Braddock, 19; Reynoldton, 10; Elizabeth, 8; Irwin, 10; Parnassus, 10; Wilmerding, 20; Greensburg, 5, and Junior M. S., 3; Boston, 10; Illinois Southern Pres., 16; Etna, 10; Hampton, 10; 10th Allegheny, 5, and Y. P. C. U., 10; 3rd Allegheny W. M. and A. S., 45; West Union, 10; Etna Y. P., 4; Mars, 10; 1st Allegheny L. H. M. S., 20; 7th Allegheny Junior M. S., 3; Springdale, 5; Avalon, 5; 2nd Allegheny, 25, and for Duquesne mission, 25; Deer Creek, 6; 4th Allegheny Y. L. A. S., 20; Emsworth Junior M. S., 10; 7th Allegheny, 3;

Bellevue, 13; Wildomar, 14; 1st Los Angeles, 15; Grand Avenue, 7; Southfield, 8.25; Commerce, 9; 1st New Wilmington, 5; Sharon, 5; 2nd Monm'th, 53.64; Piper City, 1; Paxton, 11; Millersburg, 3; Findlay, 5; Bellefontaine, 27; Northwood, 11; Kenton, 10; Belle Centre M. Band, 3; Richmond W. W. 1; Olathe M. B., 2.50; Garnett, 12; Ottawa, 3; Emporia, 5; 7th Chicago, 5; Camp Creek, 22; Wilton, 6; Somonauk, 24; 6th Pittsburgh, 50; 6th Pittsburgh Y. W., 52, and also King's Daughters of Y. W., 8; 8th Pittsburgh, 10; Pittsburgh, Hamilton Avenue, 5; Ingram, 5; Robinson Run, 23; 2nd Wilkinsburg, 11; 3rd Pittsburgh, King's Daughters of Y. M., 2; St. Clair, 20; Utica, 10; Erie, 5; Big Spring Pres., 39.86; First Ohio, 37.30; Albia, 5; Indianola, 6; Uniontown, 2; 1st Cedar Rapids, 5; Mt. Pleasant, Frankfort Pres., 7; Hookstown, 4; Frankfort, 21; Service, 25; Rock Valley, 26.15; Quimby, 5; Butler, 10; Buffalo, 4; Bethel, 6; Centerville, 7; Clintonville, 6; Fairview, 8; Freeport, 10, and Y. L., 20; Grove City, 19; Kittanning, 5; Mt. Chestnut, 8; Prospect, 10; Springfield, 3; West Sunbury, 4; White Oak Springs, 11; Pittsburgh, Kan., 7; Homestead, Ill., 5; Aledo, 4; Cedar Creek, 35; Buffalo, N. Y., 5; Spokane, 5; Richmond, 7.40; Brookville Pres., 6; 1st Xenia, 15; Greenfield, 2; Sugar Run, 10; Cedarville, 12; Unionville Center, 4; Cedarville Junior M. S., 5; Sugarcreek Y. L., 9.75; Carmel, 10.75; Madison, 5, and Junior B., 1; Milroy, 2; 1st Indianapolis, 1; Shiloh, 11.80; 1st San Francisco, 2.50; 2nd San Francisco, 2; Castroville, 3; Alameda Junior Missionary Society, 5; Tarkio Y. W., 12; York, 5; College Springs Y. W., 9.60; Clarinda, 5; 33rd St. Pittsburgh, interest on loan, 27.45, to reduce note, 15; 1st Cleveland, 10; Youngstown, 6; Walton M. Band, 1.65; Newton, 8; 12th Philadelphia, 5, and Junior M. S., 3; 7th Philadelphia, 25; Omaha, Park Ave., 3.50; Omaha, South, 8.50; Beaver Falls Y. W., 5; Beaver, 17; 6nd New Castle, 10; Darlington, 8; New Brighton, 5; Beaver Y. P., 8.25; Beaver M. Band, 5; 1st New Castle Ladies' Association, 5; 1st New Castle Y. L., 5; Neeshannock, 20; Ellwood, 7; New Brighton Cradle Roll, 5; Harrisville, 11; Martin's Ferry, 6; New Athens, 19, and Y. L., 13; Roney's Point, 16.50; St. Clairsville Busy Bees, 1; High Ridge, 5; Tacoma, 10; Bovina Centre Junior M. S., 1; Kortright Center I. A. H., 3; Kortright Center, 20; Claysville, 10; Center, 10; Canonsburg, Greenside Avenue, 23; Mt. Hope, 20; Peters Creek, 3; Pigeon Cr'k Y. L., 10; Venice, 9.25; Taylorstown, 10; West Middletown, 54.95, and Y. L., 20; 1st Washington, Pa., 3.

Warm Springs Indian Mission.—Greensburg, 5; Emsworth Junior M. S., 6.67; 4th Allegheny Fulton Junior M. S., 2.50; Avalon Junior M. S., 10; Welda Willing Workers, 7; Camp Creek Junior M. S., 5; Brookville Pres., 5; 3rd Xenia, 12; Omaha, Park Avenue, 3; Beaver Falls, 5; 2nd New Castle, 5; 2nd New Castle Y. P. C. U., 5; Claysville, 5.

(CONCLUDED NEXT MONTH.)

The Thank-offering of the Women's General Missionary Society for 1897 amounted to \$17,585.03, the largest since the offering of 1893. We are glad to know the designations are decreasing and are \$2,169.11. This includes the expenses of the Thank-offering committee. As previously the account closed with the month of May and was apportioned at the regular Board meeting June 1st as follows:

Foreign Department.....	\$4,000.00
Home	3,415.92
Freedmen's	5,000.00
Ch. Ex. and Parsouage.....	3,000.00
Designations and Expenses..	2,169.11
	\$17,585.03

E. J. SLOAN, Treas.

Testimonial of Respect.

The W. M. S., of Coila, N. Y., offer this tribute of respect

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gordon, who has been president of this society since its organization, and has

so wisely and successfully guided the work of the society in the Home and Foreign fields, and who, owing to failing health, has thought best to retire from the active service connected with this society, therefore, be it,

Resolved, that we as a society take this opportunity to express our sincere regret that she should be obliged to give up the work she has loved so well, and to express our appreciation of her Christian spirit and earnestness in the cause of Christ, and to thank her for the work so nobly and faithfully done; for her Christian love and interest in all that pertains to this society, and for her willingness to give advice and counsel and to help us in any way she can.

We feel that although she cannot meet with us she will be present in spirit and that her influence over us will be an inspiration for good in all our work.

MRS. SARAH E. McMILLAN,
MRS. EMILY T. ARNETT,
MISS JESSIE KING,
MISS GRACE BEATTIE. } Com.

Mrs. A. S. Vincent.

A tribute of love from the Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian church of Paxton, Ill., to the memory of Mrs. A. S. Vincent, who fell asleep May 2, at her late home in Monmouth.

We gladly bear testimony to her beautiful Christian character in her home and church. During the seven years that she labored with us, she was absent only twice from our meetings. She did whatever her hands found to do, at all times thinking of others, not herself. She ministered to the temporal wants of the poor and the spiritual need of all. Her tender heart and earnest sympathy always brought her to the sick and sorrowful. Possessed of the traits of a true woman, in appearance as well as character, she carried with her that virtue which inspired respect and love and strengthened her influence over others. It can truthfully be said that the death of no other member would occasion such universal sorrow as that of Mrs. Vincent.

To her heart broken husband and children we extend our deepest sympathy and commend them to Him who shall "wipe away all tears from their eyes."

MRS. J. M. ROBINSON,
MRS. A. A. MOFFET,
MISS LIZZIE MCFARLAND,
MRS. R. KEATOR. } Com.

Mrs. Ann J. Gilmore.

WHEREAS, the W. M. S., of Turtlecreek, Pa., U. P. church has been again called to mourn the loss of one of its members, Mrs. Ann J. Gilmore, who died at her home in the 88th year of her age,

Resolved, That we desire to bear testimony that Mrs. Gilmore was an honored, conscientious and faithful member of our society; one who was always deeply interested in whatever pertained to the advancement of the Master's Kingdom.

Resolved, That, in the death of this mother in Israel, we lose one whom all revered, and whose Christian traits of character and trustfulness in her Saviour, we hope to imitate, that we may be as well prepared as she for the summons to come up higher.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family, and commend them to the Great Comforter,

Resolved, That a copy of the resolutions be given the family; that they be recorded in the minutes of our Society and published in the Women's Missionary Magazine. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth; yea saith the Spirit, they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

MRS. JENNIE MAXWELL,
MRS. MINNIE STEWART. } Com.

Mrs. Jennie Chatmond Vaughn.

In token of their affectionate remembrance of Mrs. Jennie Chatmond Vaughn the W. M. S. of the Turtle Creek, Pa., U. P. church offers the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, In the death of Mrs. Vaughn we have lost one who had been a member of our society from its organization.

Resolved, That we as a society bear testimony to her as a willing, cheerful and faithful worker, both in the home and in the church; that in her death our society has lost a devoted member who was ever ready to do with her might what her hands found to do.

Resolved, That we prize the remembrance of her life as exemplifying faithfulness unto death and rejoice in the assured hope that she is now enjoying the reward of faithfulness.

Resolved, That we hereby express our sincere sympathy with her bereaved husband and family, and commend them to the love of Him who wept at the tomb of Lazarus.

Resolved, That these resolutions be placed on our minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family and published in the Women's MAGAZINE and *United Presbyterian*.

MRS. EMMA BOLI,
MRS. ELLEN PATTON HEZLEP,
MRS. ANNIE MCINTOSH. } Com.

Mrs. Jane Madden.

It hath pleased our Heavenly Father to again visit us in removing from our midst, on Feb. 18th, 1897, Mrs. Jane Madden, who was a charter member of the L. M. S. of 2nd Church, Mercer, Pa. In recognition of God's infinite wisdom, we tender this tribute to her memory.

Resolved, That we humbly bow under the chastening of our Heavenly Father, who is thus saying, "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter."

Resolved, That we tender our prayerful sympathy to the sorrowing son and daughters and all that were dear to her, and commend them to the tender care of the Good Shepherd whom she trusted.

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The W. M. S. of First Ohio Presbytery held a very interesting meeting at Morning Sun, O., June 1st and 2nd. The program was carried out with slight changes. Mrs. Hutchison, of Xenia, editor of the "Women's MAGAZINE," was present and addressed the convention in behalf of the MAGAZINE, urging an increased effort to enlarge the subscription list. A good number present paid high tribute to the MAGAZINE. Miss Pond, a teacher in the O. F. C. at Oxford, addressed the convention on mission work in Syria, which was exceedingly interesting. The annual letter from Miss A. Y. Thompson was read and enjoyed. The delegate to the W. G. M. S. gave a full and interesting report. The society ordered that the two (2) dollars asked for by the W. G. M. S. from each presbyterial society for the erection of a suitable monument in memory of Miss McKown be paid. The auxiliary societies were requested to send money to the presbyterial treasurer for copies of the minutes of the W. G. M. S. The committee on nominations reported as follows: for Pres., Mrs. Mary Mott, Richmond; 1st V. P., Miss Jennie McCreary, Oxford; 2nd V. P., Miss Emma Wilson, Fair Haven; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Bina Hawley, College Corner; Cor. Sec., Mrs. M. B. Elliott, Morning Sun; Jun. Sec., Mrs. J. L. Kirkpatrick, Hamilton; Lit. Sec., Miss Cora McQuiston, Hopewell; Thank-offering Sec., Miss Clara Brown, Morning Sun; Delegate to the W. G. M. S., Mrs. J. F. Brown, Cincinnati; Adjourned to meet in Fair Haven, June 1898.

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Beaver Valley Presbytery.

The W. M. S. of Beaver Valley Presbytery held their annual meeting in the United Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls, April 8th, 1897, at 10:30 a. m. Devotional exercises conducted by the President, Miss Mary C. Harper; Prayer by Rev. Kidd and others. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Rev. H. H. Crawford, of Beaver; 1st Vice President, Miss Mary C. Harper; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Rev. T. W. Winter; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. J. Blevins; Cor. Sec., Miss Lucetta Duff; Treasurer, Mrs. W. N. Aiken; Magazine Agent, Mrs. R. W. McFate; Presbyterial Sec. Women's Association, Miss Mattie Paisley; Thank-offering Sec., Mrs. Rev. R. W. Kidd; Junior Secretary, Mrs. Mulkolland. After hearing reports of local societies, the morning session closed with a praise service, leader Miss Olive Witherspoon. 1:30 p. m., Devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Reisinger, subject, "Woman in the Bible." Greetings from Beaver Falls, by Mrs. W. S. Cook: response by Miss Elizabeth McElain; conference, subject "Are we being blessed as a Church in our Missionary Work," opened by Miss Mary McCane and Miss Carrie Stewart. Each read an excellent paper. Several ministers present spoke on the subject and encouraged the society to go forward in the good work. Report of officers. Treasurer's report showed an increase in contributions over last year. Recitation by Miss Lizzie Boggs. Conference, "Are we cultivating a missionary spirit in our congregations?" Opened by Mrs. Rev. J. R. Milligan reading an excellent paper. After hearing reports of committees, society adjourned to meet at 7:30. Devotional exercises conducted by Young Ladies' Missionary Society of Beaver Falls. Thank-offering service conducted by Mrs. Dr. R. A. Brown, 1st New Castle. Church Offering, \$610.60, after which Rev. J. C. Taggart, of East Liverpool, Ohio, delivered a very able address, subject, "The World's need and the church's responsibility." After thanking the good people of Beaver Falls for their kind hospitality, society adjourned to meet in Darlington in September.

MRS. R. J. BLEVINS, Sec.

Des Moines Presbytery.

The W. M. S., of Des Moines Presbytery met in annual session at Monroe, Ia., March 30 and 31. The president, Mrs. Evans, of Pitzer, led the devotional exercises, and delivered the annual address, after Mrs. Monlux, of Monroe, had kindly welcomed the society and Mrs. Park had responded. Roll call showed six officers and twenty-three delegates present, representing fourteen ladies' societies and one junior missionary society. A conference on the subject, "Preparing the King's Highway," was opened with an excellent and practical paper by Miss Florabel Patterson, of Oskaloosa. Another interesting paper, "Building the Walls of Zion, every one over against his house," written by Mrs. Hastie, of Summerset, was read by Miss Schooler of that place. Recitations were well rendered by the Misses Helen Beintema and Bernice Baer, both of Oskaloosa. The Thank-offering amounted to \$283.98.

A helpful talk on Junior work was given by the Junior Secretary, Mrs. Burnside, of Oskaloosa. Both pleasure and profit were derived from the able address on "Unconscious Influence," delivered by Mrs. W. T. McConnell, of 1st Des Moines.

Resolutions were adopted giving thanks for the mercies of God to us, consecrating ourselves more earnestly to the cause of Christ; pledging our influence against Sabbath desecration, and intemperance, with all its kindred evils, expressing our sympathy with Mrs. Gibson, of Monroe, in her brother's illness, and extending thanks to the ladies of Monroe for their generous hospitality, and to all others who contributed to the conven-

tion's success. The officers for the coming year are: President, Mrs. Jackson, Albia; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Jamieson, Summerset; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Blair, 2nd Des Moines; Secretary, Miss Nellie W. Rogers, Chariton; Treasurer, Mrs. Anna Dowell, Indianola; Leaflet Secretary, Mrs. Gibson, Monroe; Junior Secretary, Mrs. Burnside, Oskaloosa.

The next meeting will be at 1st Des Moines, May, 1898.
NELLIE W. ROGERS, Sec'y.

A Simultaneous Canvass.

A simultaneous canvass, recommended by the Magazine Committee, was approved by the W. G. M. S., the time to be left to the discretion of the Committee. This has proved very helpful in a sister denomination. It is an inspiration to agents and friends to know that they are putting forth concerted effort. The Literature secretary stepped boldly to the front and asked for a greater interest in missionary literature than ever before. The Magazine asks for its share of the increased interest, in a subscription list of 10,000.

As our Magazine year begins with August, the month of July has been designated as the appropriate time for this canvass. Dear Sisters of the United Presbyterian Church, the Magazine is yours and is it too much to ask that during the month of July every agent and every friend put forth an earnest effort for an increased subscription list? Do not use your own copies for this work, but send for sample copies, which will be promptly furnished on application.

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